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Red Hawks varsity quarterback Reese Casey attempts a pass during Kawartha High School Football League action on Friday, Oct. 11 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks lost their home opener, but held the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes, who were undefeated coming into play, to only seven points at the half. See more photos on page 17. / DARREN LUM Staff

Arena fundraising goal set at \$750,000

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The fundraising committee for the Minden Hills arena project has set the goal for its fundraising campaign at \$750,000.

Community services director Mark Coleman told township councillors during an Oct. 10 meeting that the committee, es-

tablished during the summer, has met a few times, and while amounts between \$500,000 and \$1 million were discussed, it was decided that \$750,000 was a realistic target.

According to a report from Coleman, the money will be used for "value-added items that enhance the project outcomes and to potentially offset some of the financing costs of the project."

The \$13-million project, which will include a new arena with NHL-sized rink, six change

rooms, a gymnasium with elevated walking track, and new office space for community services staff, is scheduled to be completed before the 2020/21 ice season. The township will borrow up to \$12.5 million from Infrastructure Ontario to cover the costs, with any lending above \$11.9 million required to come back to council table for approval.

The fundraising campaign, set to be officially launched later this month, will consist of a hierarchy of donor groups with names

such as "community founders," "community leaders," "community builders," and so forth. Donors will be recognized on a special wall in the building's lobby. Some fundraising ideas include "purchasing" a square metre of ice or metre of walking track, room name sponsorships, seat sales, events such as dances and hockey games, and general cash donations.

Coleman told councillors that in such see **SOME** page 4

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Candidates field residents' questions

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County residents filled the ballroom at the Pinestone on the evening of Oct. 9 to hear from the five people who'd like to become MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the Oct. 21 election.

Vying to unseat Conservative incumbent Jamie Schmale are Liberal Judi Forbes, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser, the NDP's Barbara Doyle, and Gene Balfour, who is running under the banner of the People's Party of Canada.

"I'm particularly happy to be here because we're a relatively new party," Balfour said as he introduced himself to the crowd, adding he was hoping to familiarize residents with the PPC and its policies. The PPC was created and is led by former Conservative cabinet minister Maxime Bernier, who narrowly lost the leadership of the Conservative party to Andrew Scheer.

"The No. 1 issue I'm coming across over and over again is affordability," Balfour said, adding the PPC was different than the country's mainstream political parties in that one of its core principles is to drastically reduce the amount of taxation Canadians pay. "They're coming out with ideas about spending more and more of your tax dollars."

While he acknowledged there are some ideological parallels between the PPC and the Conservative party – "there's not a huge gap in our differences and objectives" – Balfour said the biggest difference between the parties was in the quality of their leaders.

"Maxime Bernier is by far and away the best candidate to be prime minister," said Balfour, who is a retired professional recruiter.

Doyle stressed the NDP platform includes introducing universal dental care, erasing interest on student debt, universal childcare, as well as re-introducing 30-year mortgages in the country, to help more people be able to afford homes. "These have real, tangible impacts on monthly budgets, helping people build equity and get ahead," Doyle said. "And we can do this without raising taxes on everyday people."

The NDP would also introduce a wealth tax on the country's richest residents, charging one per cent a year on households with assets of more than \$20 million.

"That's 87 families that have as much wealth as the 12 million bottom income earners in Canada," Doyle said. "That's three provinces' worth of people. We will tax them, and they won't even miss it, but we will use that for health care, education, [and] infrastructure, that will help everyone. This is all about choices this election. Choices for people over corporations, and planet over profits."

Fraser spoke about the challenges faced by many Canadians, from job insecurity to day-to-day expenses to anxiety about the implications of climate change.

"I chose to get involved in politics at a young age because I know there are better solutions out there," said Fraser, a third-



Minden resident Lois Rigney asked the candidates how they would protect pensions from not being paid when companies go bankrupt at the all-candidates meeting held Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

year environmental studies student at Carleton University in Ottawa, where she's involved with campus politics, works for the Canadian Revenue Agency, and volunteers in the office of Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

Fraser told the room she believes the Green Party has the best, strongest and most comprehensive platform to improve the quality of life of Canadians.

"For too long, there's been this misconception, that in order to have a strong economy, you have to sacrifice the environment," Fraser said, adding she didn't believe this to be true.

"Bold climate action makes good economic sense," she said. "By transitioning away from fossil fuels towards green industries, we can employ upwards of four million Canadians, many of those in communities like ours."

"A guaranteed liveable income would make a better life for all," Fraser said. The Green Party has said it would introduce a guaranteed income program that would provide a guaranteed basic income plan, based on region. Fraser also highlighted that the Green platform includes a universal health care plan that would include dental and pharmaceutical coverage.

Forbes began her introduction by addressing Conservative party literature alleging the Liberals have a secret plan to tax up to 50 per cent of the profits on home sales.

"I want to clarify this here and now, that is not true," said Forbes, a retired bank manager. She said the three biggest issues she's hearing about on doorsteps in the riding are affordability challenges, that climate change is real and something must be done about it, and that Doug Ford has not been good for Ontario.

She pointed out the Liberal government increased taxation on the top one per cent of Canadian earners.

"It is the Liberals who will provide a huge hand up to the middle class," said Forbes.

"You can double down on another Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer and expect more cuts to education, health care and services, no climate change plan, or you can vote for me," she told the room.

Schmale too said the most common issue he was hearing

about as he talked to constituents was the high cost of living.

"There's little left at the end of the week, there's little left at the end of the month," Schmale said, adding far from getting ahead, many residents are just getting by.

He pointed to Conservative pledges to provide a 1.25 per cent income tax reduction to those earning less than \$46,700 per year, remove GST from home heating bills, and eliminate the carbon tax, which he said would save people money on everything from food to gasoline.

"We all know that here in Haliburton County, we have to drive," Schmale said.

Some questions had been prepared by event sponsors the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Lakelands Association of Realtors.

One of those questions, posed to candidates by moderator Jim Blake, addressed a skills gap and labour shortage affecting some businesses in Haliburton County.

"Not only is there a lack of applicants for jobs that are available, many of the applicants that do come forward lack the skills to be successful in the workforce," Blake said. "... With the understanding that elementary and high school education is a provincial responsibility, if you're elected, what will your government do to ensure that youth entering the workforce have the skills to thrive in our modern economy?"

Balfour referenced his career as a recruiter, saying he'd interviewed thousands of people over the years.

"What I learned from that, is just how specialized our world is today, it's incredibly specialized," he said. While public education offers some training, "there are so many options available today," he said, referencing a company that provides online skills programs.

"So, for me, meeting the demand for skills can be met in many different ways," Balfour said. "I don't think it has to be a national strategy. Again, most of the time we're dealing with skill shortages in particular areas, this riding, for example, and the strategy and the plan needs [to be] specific and local to what the needs are."

To a number of questions, Balfour responded that he didn't think a national strategy was required, and that solutions were best found at the local level.

"The Liberals and Conservatives both love to say that they care about Canadian jobs, but yet they refuse to intervene in markets that have created the job situation there is today," Doyle said, "one with less benefits, precarious or contract work and the removal of health and safety standards that protect our workers."

Doyle said this has led to stagnant wages and slow growth.

"We need to create good, domestic jobs right here, improving working conditions, so that our youth want to work in these industries, in high-skilled trades, and apprenticeship

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Pension protection needed, candidates say

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programs," she said. "Prioritizing Canadian procurement for infrastructure projects, investing in green industries and tech sectors, and creating 300,000 new jobs in those industries, means that we need high-skilled workers to fill those positions."

Doyle said encouraging provinces to adapt high school curriculums might be one way of encouraging young people to get into skilled trades.

Forbes pointed out that in the modern economy, most people would have at least a few different careers.

"With an over \$40-million investment in Skills Canada, the Liberal government is encouraging our young people to consider training and working in skills trade," Forbes said. "With the Canada Training Benefit, working Canadians will get four weeks of training every four years, with up to \$1,000 to pay for training, income support to help with expenses during training, and job security as they return to work."

She pointed out the government has lowered interest on student loans, making the first six months following an apprenticeship interest-free.

"We need to ensure that the education for these jobs is affordable, and that once people leave the institution that they choose to attend, that there are jobs available for them," Fraser said. "We can do this in a couple of ways. The Green Party would eliminate post-secondary tuition . . . as well as eliminate the debt that students currently hold. This will allow training and retraining in different industries [to be] more affordable."

Fraser added the addition of a guaranteed liveable income would make it easier for those with families or other obligations to attain post-secondary education.

"Investments in green industries and the green economy will create millions of jobs, and that will mean that once people leave those institutions, there will be jobs for them," Fraser said, "and these are jobs in new and exciting industries that people want to be a part of."

Schmale said there are local options available for skilled trades training, and that in part, it was a matter of increased communication to students.

"A lot of the education file is under provincial jurisdiction, but it's really no secret where the demand is in this area," Schmale said. "I think if you open up any of our local papers, take a look at the want ads, it's all pretty much in the skilled trades. So we need to be sure that people are recognizing this fact, that you can get into the skilled trades, and you can do it locally. You can go to Fleming [College] in Lindsay, you can go to Fleming in Peterborough. They have skilled trades . . . you can do pretty much anything you want to do, you can do it at a very low cost, and the rates on return on your wages when you get out are quite high."

He added the government needed to create an environment where jobs continue to be available.

"How do you do that?" Schmale said. "You create private



Candidates to represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in Parliament answer questions at the all candidates meeting Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. From left, People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour, New Democratic Party candidate Barbara Doyle, Liberal Party candidate Judi Forbes, Green Party candidate Elizabeth Fraser, and Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale (incumbent). / DARREN LUM Staff

sector growth to succeed, low taxes, take away the disincentives for the job creators to do what they do, which is create jobs, opportunity and wealth in our communities."

One resident asked candidates how they would protect pensions from getting clawed back when companies go bankrupt.

"The Conservative party put forward legislation sponsored by [Durham MP] Erin O'Toole . . . that would address that issue," Schmale said. "The pensioners . . . should not be treated last. The top should not be getting payouts first when they start selling off inventory, real estate, etc. Pensioners do need to take a very important role in that and that pension needs to be protected."

Balfour agreed.

"When a company goes bankrupt, there's only so much resources left, and of course it's allocated according to a certain priority of groups, and the pensioners shouldn't be the last group to be getting paid off," he said.

"Right now, companies don't have to vest and protect the entire amount of their pensions," said Doyle. "They're only supposed to protect part of it. The NDP would make sure that almost 100 per cent would have to be secured, so they couldn't take it out from under you to make sure people get their pensions. We'll also improve CPP [Canada Pension Plan], OAS [Old Age Security] and GIS [Guaranteed Income Supplement], to ensure that all seniors live in dignity and don't have to worry about poverty in their senior years."

Forbes pointed to the strengthening of the CPP.

"Every Canadian deserves a secure and dignified retirement after a lifetime of work," Forbes said. "I believe that pensions should be taken care of . . . there should be a law wrapped around them. . . . We have also made a commitment

to Canadians to strengthen the Canada Pension Plan and help them achieve their goal of a strong, stable and secure retirement. Simply put, there's just going to be more money waiting for Canadians when they retire because of the programs the Liberal government is putting in place."

"There are two pieces of legislation that the Green Party has committed to amending in order to protect private pensions and those are the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act," Fraser said. "And by amending these, we ensure that pensions paid out to employees during times of insolvency are higher up on the hierarchy."

This way, Fraser said, money would be going to workers, "and not executives, which are receiving, you know, millions of dollars in payout and we'll also amend CPP to ensure that you're receiving more money, so the private pensions is not the only money you're relying on."

During closing remarks, Schmale said it's been an honour to serve as MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for the past four years, that he's tried his best to be available to residents, and was again seeking their support.

Forbes indicated that she believed the Liberals would be re-elected, and that it was best for the riding to have a representative who was part of the governing party.

Fraser and Doyle both appealed to residents to vote with their conscience rather than out of fear or strategy, and Balfour recited the four key values of the PPC – personal responsibility, individual freedom, respect and fairness – and encouraged attendees to pick up a pamphlet to learn more about the party.

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HCDC marks 34th year, \$4.6M in local loans

The numbers for what the year looked like for the Haliburton County Development Corporation were discussed at the organization's annual general meeting at Red Umbrella Inn on Oct. 10.

In 2019, 60 loans were approved for local businesses, affecting 350 jobs.

"We continue to support community economic development initiatives, the growth of new and existing businesses and the creation of sustainable jobs in Haliburton County," said Peter Fredricks, board chair, in his message, also acknowledging the organization's 34th anniversary.

According to Patti Tallman, executive director, HCDC remains one of the most active lenders of the 61 Community Futures Development Corporations throughout Ontario, investing almost \$4.7 million through loans to businesses over the past year. Additionally, of all 268 Community Futures Development Corporations in Canada, HCDC continues to hold the largest loan portfolio, valued at more than \$17 million, in the country.

"Our combined support through loans, the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP), and the Local Initiatives Program (LIP) has enhanced our community's capacity to change, impacting 228 jobs this year," she wrote in her annual message. "As of March 31, 2019, we saw the end of EODP which ran for the past 15 years. Over the life of the program, we injected over \$9 million and leveraged an additional \$13 million into businesses and organizations. This support and impact, in itself, is a success story."

Fredricks said EODP has been replaced with the Rural Innovation Initiative Eastern

Ontario, funded by FedDev.

"The local stream provides non-repayable contributions from \$25,000 up to \$100,000," he said in his message. "Its purpose is to support and transition [small and medium-sized enterprises] in local CFDC communities to expand and adopt new advanced business innovation processes."

For the past few years, Haliburton LaunchPad, the HCDC business incubator, offering space created by HCDC in 2010, has focused on digital media, growing businesses and creating jobs in that sector, with Haliburton Guitar Studio, The Amazing Agency, Sticks & Stones Productions, SPARC Network, and the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands calling the building at 710 Mountain Street home over the past year.

In addition to last July adding "hot-desks," available for a monthly fee, "venture desks," which are booked on a quarterly basis, are available to entrepreneurs wanting to work outside of the home alongside others or access the onsite high-speed internet in a communal creative space. According to the 2018-2019 HCDC annual report, businesses in the incubator provided six full-time jobs, three part-time contract positions and one seasonal job.

John Gillis, interim president and CEO of Innovation Cluster, Peterborough and the Kawarthas, was the guest speaker, while Autumn Wilson, HCDC program and operations coordinator, spoke about local business Cottage Care Rentals as a success story.

Margaret Risk, a member since 2010, and Linda Middleton, a member since 2011, were celebrated as retiring directors and presented with plaques from FedDev.

-Sue Tiffin, Staff

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Some sub-trades over budget in arena project

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process.

"There are three or four items that certainly dipped into the contingency," Coleman said, explaining one of these items was drywalling, the lowest bid for which came in \$100,000 more than what had been budgeted.

"That trade seems to be extremely busy in the province," Coleman said. The amounts for lighting came in \$50,000 above what was forecast, and window glazing and flooring also came in over budget.

However, Coleman said the project as a whole is not over budget at this point.

"It does not put the project over budget," he said. "We're still on the good side of the ledger."

The project's contingency fund is sitting at \$137,000.

"What percentage of the tendering would you say is done?" Carter asked.

"I'd say about 90 per cent," Coleman replied.

Mayor Brent Devolin said there were still aspects, such as landscaping, where savings could be found.

"There's opportunities yet for savings on some of those line items," Devolin said. "Earthworks was what nearly buried us out of the gate."

Costs for the initial part of the project – the "validation phase" – essentially a series of engineering assessments, exceeded the cost that had initially been approved for it. Devolin has stressed repeatedly that it's the earliest phase of such projects, with potential complications coming from underground, that is often where problems occur and any unforeseen costs are accrued.

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Hawk Lake bridge replacement to proceed

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton will proceed with the replacement of the bridge along Little Hawk Lake Road (County Road 13) with both federal and provincial funding in place to help with the cost of the project.

The county was successful in obtaining funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, with the federal government covering 50 per cent of the cost, the provincial government 33 per cent and the county the remainder. The budget for the project is \$1.25 million, meaning the feds will contribute \$625,000, the province \$412,500 and the county \$212,500. The county's portion will come from reserves, that

money initially allotted for the Hawk Lake bridge in the 2019 budget.

Constructed in 1925, the bridge is approaching a century in age and has a number of issues including that it is currently weight-restricted, needs its barriers replaced, and that its deck is quite low, and at certain times of year, close to the surface of the Kennisis River, which it spans. The river, which connects the Hawk Lakes to Halls Lake, is part of the feeder system for the Trent Severn Waterway.

"Water levels are dangerously close," Haliburton County public works director Craig Douglas said during an Oct. 9 county roads advisory committee meeting, adding he wasn't sure what would happen if a loose dock floated down the river during a time of high water.

"We tendered this out and got fairly competitive pricing," Douglas said. The county received bids ranging from

\$922,000 to \$1.3 million for the project, and it was the committee's recommendation the contract be awarded to McPherson-Andrews Contracting Ltd., which had the lowest bid at just more than \$922,000, plus taxes.

"It needs to be a light-weight deck, because we're not replacing the footings," Douglas explained.

"Most importantly, this is a 2020 budget item, so pre-approval is recommended," Douglas said, and the committee recommended that budget pre-approval be granted. Construction is slated to commence mid-May, and be completed by the end of June.

County Warden and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels said she'd prefer not to have construction vehicles using Braeloch Road to access the site.

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Thankful

WHILE SUMMER technically left us just less than a month ago, it feels like longer on Thanksgiving Monday, wind blowing curled leaves along a deserted beach at Halls Lake, a beach littered with pine needles. The sky, shifting, bloated and black, delivers sheets of rain we can watch advancing across the lake before they make landfall against the windows of the cottage. These rain surges are punctuated by periods of cold sun, and the lake is silent except for the sound of its waves. When it ices over, it will become quieter still.

Flowers have been ripped from the window boxes and beds. In the shed and in the boathouse, deck furniture and lawn games and lifejackets have all been stowed away, and tomorrow, my dad will perform the unenviable task of taking out the waterline. The property is ready to go into hibernation for another winter.

Spending Thanksgiving at the cottage is always bittersweet, in part because it's a farewell until next spring, in part because it unfailingly brings on a flood of memories of my grandparents.

In my childhood, Thanksgiving weekends were always spent at the cottage, and were special because both sets of grandparents were there with us. My mom's parents owned the cottage so we were often there, but on Thanksgiving, my dad's parents would join us as well, everybody packed into the cabin's 900 or so square feet.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

The turkey, clad in foil, then wrapped in chicken wire, was cooked underground in a pit overlooking the lake, all day long. The pit is still there, but now never used. It's been a long time since most of my grandparents were alive, the last of the four passing away early this year.

As kids, my sister and I would collect leaves and branches to decorate the stone mantle, augmenting the gourds and pumpkins my maternal grandfather brought with him from his farm. At dinnertime, my paternal grandmother would pile helpings of turnip and other fixings I didn't care for onto my plate.

"Try it, you'll like it!" she'd exclaim, but I never did.

One year it snowed enough that we were able to have a snowball fight in the yard.

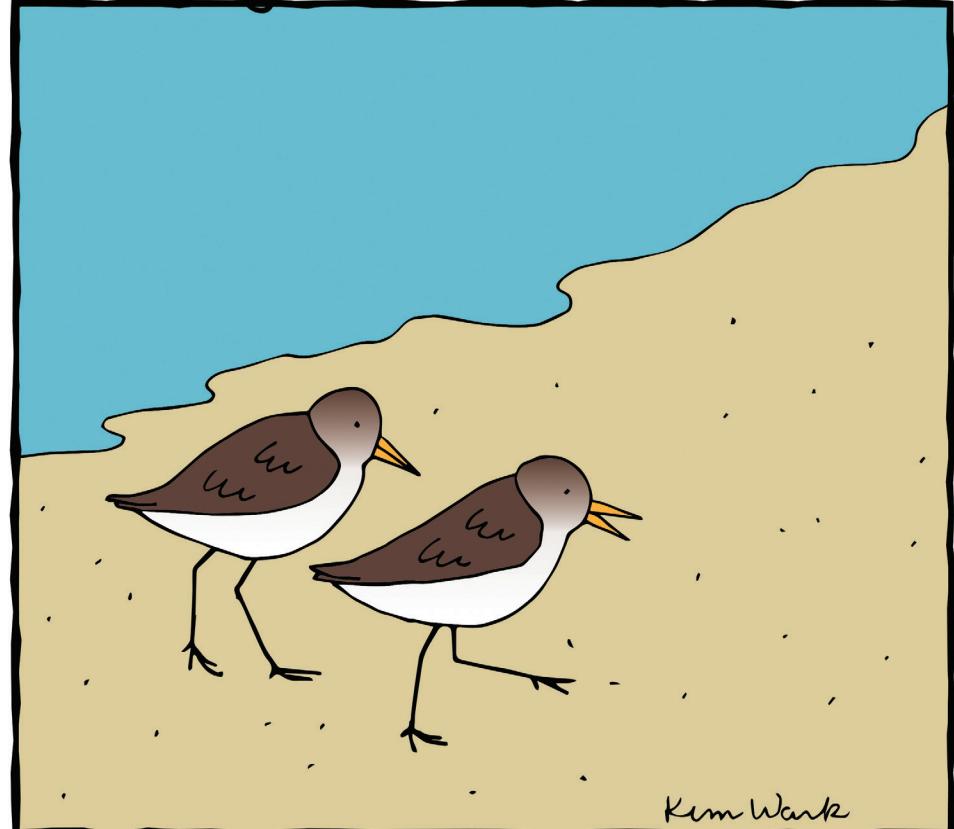
I sit at the table holding my youngest daughter on my lap thinking about my grandparents and everything that went with them – joking, drinking, cards, cigarettes, music. Four people she'll never know, but memories of whom, for me, dance like ghosts in every part of the cottage.

A generation later, there are still three generations gathered under one roof, but now my parents are the grandparents, I am the parent, my children are the young ones. I feel thankful to be here with my family, and also grateful that I am fortunate enough to have a place where multi-generational memories exist.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



Kim Wank

"I like anything but long walks on the beach."

New paint

ONE OF my favourite outdoors stories is by Larry Dabblemont of Missouri. That tale is called Old Paint and it is about an old wooden john-boat that he and his father built and used for duck hunting and fishing on the river near his home. The title refers to the many coats of paint that the boat had been covered with over the years and the beauty of the story is in the way he reveals the layers of cherished outdoor memories that accompanied each.

That's why picking the paint for the duck boat I recently built was no small matter to me.

I knew that this first coat – the one I am about to put on it – will be the one I will always remember it with. That colour will always be attached to that boat, both mentally and physically. That's why I faced quite a conundrum when picking the colour.

In the end, however, it all came down to two similar shades of olive green. And though I liked the first one better, I could not bring myself to buy it let alone adorn my hunting boat with it, even though it was the exact colour I wanted.

As I kept hemming and hawing about the whole thing, another hunter showed up and immediately knew I was buying the paint for hunting related reasons. He knew this because a) he was aware I was in a long-term relationship and b) he also knew no man in a long-term relationship would buy either of those shades of olive green to paint anything in and around a house.

"It's actually for a duck boat," I said.

He then pointed to the colour card I liked but wouldn't use.

"That's the one right there," he said.

I then flipped over the card so he could see that colour's name. He shook his head and then pointed to the other one.

"Use that one then," he said. "It's just as good."

Shakespeare said a rose by any other name would smell as sweet – but the bard, I suspect, had never smelled the roses dropped in a duck camp. Nor did he know how superstitious we hunters could be about the little things that no one else bothers with – like the colour of a duck boat.

So, as much as I liked the first colour, I put the card down and took the second one to the counter.

The woman there looked at the colour and, in an act of selfless customer service, said, "Maybe you should run this by your wife first. It might save you a headache or two."

"It's for a duck boat," I said.

Looking more than a little relieved, she smiled and started to mix the colour called "Jungle cover" for me.

She then said that she noticed I was having a hard time deciding between that and another colour and wondered why I chose the one I did.

I went and got that card and turned it over. "OK, I guess that is a good enough reason," she said.

Maybe it was and maybe it wasn't. But as I said, we hunters are superstitious about certain things and, if you ask me, it's better not to leave anything to chance.

"Jungle cover" is a nice respectable name for a duck boat colour. "Vegetarian," the unfortunate name of the second colour, is not.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Predictions for winter

THE ACORNS are the first alarm.

Night breezes rustle the oaks, shaking their capped nuts from their branches. I hear them hitting the steel roof above my bedroom. My slippers crack and crunch them when I step onto the deck to check the morning weather.

I am worried. Many acorns are a bad sign. They are one of 20 signs indicating that we are in for an early and vicious winter.

I need to check out the other 19, and if they confirm a bad winter, I need to prepare.

I could consult weather services like Environment Canada, The Weather Network or Accuweather. But they use algorithms now rather than getting outside and looking for real weather signs.

I'm old-fashioned and would rather rely on the age-old indicators passed down to us through folklore. Things like an unusual number of acorns and squirrels gathering them and other nuts to fortify themselves against a long and hard winter.

Or, thicker-than-usual hair on the nape of a cow's neck, and corn husks that are much thicker than normal.

I don't have any cows to check but I do have a corn patch. There's no use checking it out though, because there are no corn husks. The raccoons

have stolen the cobs, husks and all.

Raccoons themselves can be a good indicator of the winter ahead, according to folklore. If you see any with bright bands on thick, bushy tails that's an indicator of a hard winter. There are no raccoons to be found around my place, however, because they are hiding somewhere gorging themselves on the corn they stole from my garden.

There are other animal signs to watch for. Two woodpeckers sharing the same tree and pigs gathering sticks are said to be reliable signs of a long, cold and snowy winter.

I don't really understand those. All woodpeckers share the same tree – it's the one outside my bedroom window on which every woodpecker in the county hammers at five o'clock in the morning.

And pigs gathering sticks? There are no pigs around where I live and what they would do with sticks is beyond me. Unless pigs have taken up hockey.

Another sign that folklore holds highly reliable is the "early arrival of crickets on the hearth."

I don't have a hearth. I have a woodstove and any crickets gathering there would be fried to a crisp because it has been so cold in the mornings that I'm already deep into my winter woodpile.

The 20 "bad winter ahead" signs offered by folklore aren't all that helpful this year so I consult the tried and true farmer's almanac.

That can be confusing. There is *The Old Farmer's* (apostrophe s) *Almanac* that dates back to 1792. Then there's the *Farmers'* (s apostrophe) *Almanac* that started in 1818 and it's easy to get them mixed up.

A Canadian version of the *Old Farmer's Almanac* tells me to expect a winter of "snow, snow and more snow." It is predicting no fewer than eight major snowstorms, including "a series of significant snow events" in mid-to-late January.

The Farmers' Almanac is calling for a "freezing, frigid and frosty" winter for most of the country. It predicts more lake effect snow for Ontario – as much as 70 centimetres in one day. Add to that a prediction of a late and chilly spring.

The average winter snowfall for Haliburton County (November through March averaged over 1981 to 2010) is 8.2 feet. Last winter the county received 10.5 feet November through March, plus more rain than usual. It snowed, at least a trace, on 96 days last winter between Nov. 1 and March 31.

So the outlook for winter 2019-2020 is not looking good. The only positive predictions are that the winter will start late, but when it does it will bring frigid temperatures and heavy snowfalls in January and February.

If you doubt any of the predictions you can check out a couple of folklore signs on your own. Look to see if the ants are marching in a straight line rather than meandering. Or, watch to see if muskrats are burrowing holes high on the river bank.

If you see those things, break out the snow shovels and haul in more firewood.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*

letters to the editor

Vote climate action

To the Editor,

Albert Einstein once said that, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results." This statement could summarize our global collective failure to prevent the present climate emergency, and now in failing to meet the resulting environmental and societal challenges we all face.

According to an ancient Chinese proverb, "Unless we change our direction we are likely to end up where we are headed." Is it time for our riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to change direction? Must we be represented by a Conservative MP, simply because we have been? What real climate action might we expect from a government formed by the Conservative Party of Canada?

Provincially, Ontario had a climate action agenda via the Liberal Party. It wasn't perfect, and didn't go far enough, but it was a start. Recent evaluations have concluded that with Premier Ford, Ontario has not only failed to live up to greenhouse gas reduction targets, but has experienced emission increases.

Nationally, all we have to do is recall the many regressive actions taken by then Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Although too numerous to list, they include: gutting the Navigable Waters Protection Act, closing numerous government resource and reference libraries, closing the Experimental Lakes Area, and muzzling federally employed scientists.

However, has Prime Minister Justin Trudeau taken sufficient and timely action to change Canada's direction, and release us from the grips of predatory capitalism? Absolutely not! Buying one of Kinder-Morgan's leaky pipelines for \$4.5 billion was a giant step backwards. Richard Kinder must have laughed all the way to the bank. Trudeau's willingness to commit another \$14 billion or so to "twin" that pipeline suggests a cognitive disconnect beyond reasonable

comprehension. That roughly \$20 billion would fund a comprehensive and timely "green shift" for Canada. Included would be the retraining of thousands of skilled oil patch workers. Yes, there would even be enough left over to make boil water advisories for First Nations a distant bad memory. If the costs to greening Canada run higher, how about implementing climate accountability, by requiring major fossil fuel corporations operating and investing in Canada to share the costs of the climate crisis with us? We have all shared the benefits of a life supported through the burning of extracted and processed fossil fuels. Why should individual Canadians pay the entire climate emergency costs?

There is potential in areas of the Liberal and Conservative climate platforms provided that they would be funded and operated to meet or exceed the reductions outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The climate platforms for the New Democratic Party and the Green Party do offer a more aggressive approach to meeting the greenhouse gas reduction targets, along with handing the transition off of fossil fuels in a basically fair and equitable manner. To her credit, Green Party leader Elizabeth May has outlined a cooperative initiative which would consist of an all party parliamentary committee on climate action.

Preventing further global warming, and all the additional threats to life and habitat that will result, must not be a political football. We are all encouraged to carefully read and consider the entire platform for every party prior to voting. Why not use each party's climate agenda as an important factor in your decision process? We cannot leave meaningful climate action to our children and grandchildren. It would be too late! Remember, it's impossible to be neutral on a moving train!

John Gibb
Minden

World Stroke Day

This year World Stroke Day is Tuesday, Oct. 29. As one in four of us will have a stroke worldwide the theme this year is Don't Be The One. This year 14.5 million people will have a stroke, 5.5 million people will die as a result. Eighty million people have survived stroke worldwide.

A stroke can happen to anyone, at anytime and anywhere. Today stroke is the leading cause of disability worldwide and the second leading cause of death, but almost all strokes could be prevented. Learn the risk factors. Stroke happens when the blood supply to part of the brain is cut off. Without blood, brain cells can be damaged.

Many stroke survivors face significant challenges that include physical disability, communication difficulties, changes in how they think and feel, loss of work, income, and social networks.

The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group will be raising our flag, Stroke Recovery Canada, March of Dimes Canada, on Friday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Minden Municipal Office. Please join us to show your support for this important cause.

Lois Rigney
Chair H.H. Stroke Support Group

Jr. Book of the Month - October

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Stephen Gammell's deliciously macabre drawings perfectly capture the mood of more than two dozen scary stories—and even scary songs—all just right for reading alone or for telling aloud in the dark.

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Hunting for food and pleasure

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

I am a hunter so I believe that wild animals are a sustainable resource. I also believe that animals, especially where their habitats intersect with human settlements, benefit from being managed as a resource. Yes, individual animals are killed by hunters but as a rule overall populations are protected and managed for health, stability and sustainable harvest.

That's clearly big picture stuff though. For me, hunting has always been about food and pleasure.

The pleasure is easy to explain. It comes from spending

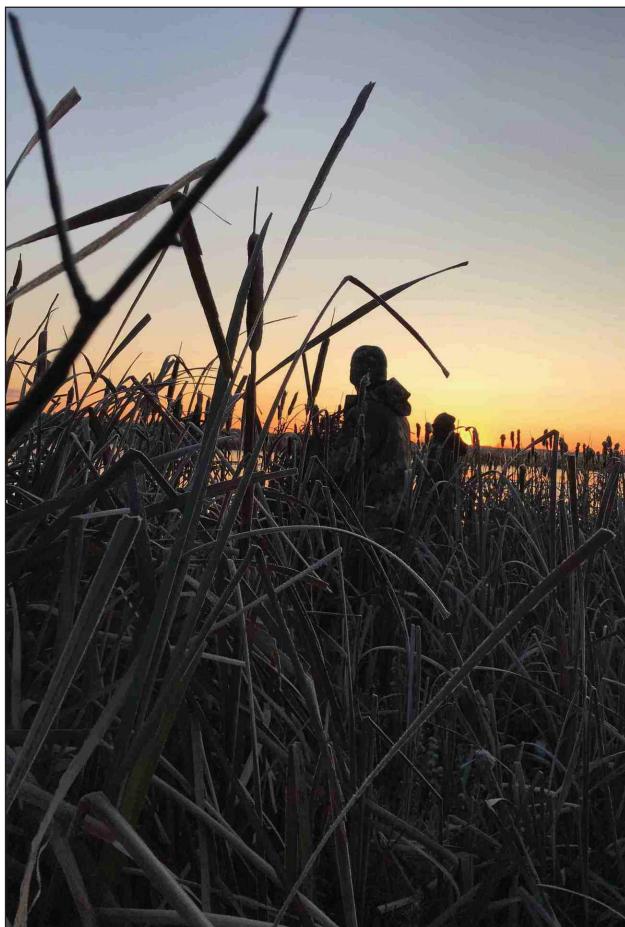


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time with trusted old friends. (I still hunt for a few days each autumn with the same guys I hunted with 43 years ago, when I first started.) The pleasure also comes from being outside in the woods in all weather, and from exploring fields, forests and marshes at prime times when animal activity is peaking. It is derived from seeing beautiful things that non-hunters will likely never see, such as flights of wood ducks cutting through the mist of an early morning marsh. It comes from learning, over the course of a hunting lifetime, the rhythms of nature, the migratory or rutting behaviour of our quarry and from seeing these wild animals at their finest and most majestic before the backdrop of unspoiled wilderness.

Pleasure comes from learning their behaviours and habits and, yes, from developing the ability to harvest an animal with firearm or bow – for that is no small achievement. But most of all there is a pride that comes from venturing afield and bringing home delicious, nutritious meat that will feed your family throughout the next few months.

For me, meat for the freezer is the culmination and greatest cause for joy. Each hunting season, hunters make efforts to stock our freezers with rabbits, squirrels, hares, ruffed grouse, woodcock, geese and ducks, wild turkey, deer, bear and moose. The result is a diversity of wild game that few but hunters experience.

Hunting was a locovore activity before anyone ever dreamed of the word. Most of the game I take is easily within 20 miles of my house, though sometimes I venture a bit further.

Hunting cements the bond between the hunter and the land. Hunters care about the woods, wetlands and waters around us. I know, others can say that too, but hunters typically put their money and efforts where their mouth is.

If you need proof, read the recent Cornell University study of bird populations across Canada and the U.S. In that study, researchers found that, since 1970, bird populations have declined 30 per cent on average across North America.

The only bright spot has been waterfowl populations, which have increased by 50 per cent in the last 50 years, thanks to the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which has invested billions of dollars into wetlands conservation and created international collaboration, as well as the establishment of a federal no-net-loss wetlands policy.

These are programs almost completely supported by hunting licences and taxes and the conservation groups that hunters support, such as Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl.

Wild duck is excellent, but the conservation aspect to me is the gravy.

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The pointer a.k.a. bird dog

THERE IS always a right way and a wrong way to do anything. The risk of doing an exercise in the wrong way is injury. At the very least it is a waste of time because it is ineffective at strengthening the body part(s) that it's targeting. While I do believe that any movement is good, I also believe that it's better to do some exercises well. One great example is the "pointer." It's also known as the "bird dog."

During my early morning dog walks I would often see boot camp classes where the participants were doing this exercise and no offence, but it looked more like an attempt at ballet on all fours than it did the exercise it was meant to be. The pointer is meant to strengthen the core muscles specifically those of the back. Just a reminder, that the core starts from the top of your shoulders and runs to the base of your buttocks. So with that in mind give this a try:

- Get down on the floor on all fours. Your hands are positioned directly under your shoulders and your knees are right below your hips. This is called the "table" position (be sure to look like a table). Imagine there are big red dots on the floor under each hand and each knee. After each movement your goal is to have your hands and knees come back to that exact location.

- In that position, imagine that your favourite beverage is in a glass and it's sitting on the hollow part of your back. It is precarious-



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

ly balancing there. If you move it will spill and the glass will tumble to the floor leaving you with a mess to clean up. See how easy it is to tighten your abs and back. You've accomplished the most important part of this exercise...stabilization.

- Extend your right leg back by slowly sliding your big toe along the floor until your leg is completely straight. The next step is to slowly lift that leg no more than two to three inches off of the floor (remember the full glass). Hold that position.

- Next, slowly lift your left arm up until it is parallel with the floor.

- Slowly return your arm and leg to the starting position (remember the full glass). That is half a repetition. Repeat on the other side.

It is way more beneficial to do a few reps perfectly than many reps imperfectly. Practicing stabilizing the core muscles in this way will result in the type of strength that protects the back from injury and it helps to prevent falls when we slip.

For kicks, put something on your back. A yoga block is great because there is no mess to clean up when it falls off.

Something to think about.

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HKL candidates share their views

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are candidate responses to five questions sent via email by the *Times*. To see coverage of the all candidates meeting, see pages 2 and 3.

1. While the country now has a national housing strategy, housing remains unaffordable for many Canadians. In many communities in the riding, there's a backlog of people on the waiting list for affordable housing. What is the federal government's role when it comes to housing and housing affordability, and what can be done to address these challenges?

Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

This is an issue that we are noticing more and more across our riding. Whether it's new families or seniors looking to downsize, the affordability crisis is an issue for all Canadians.

When it comes to housing affordability, this Liberal government is not as advertised. Their heavy-handed mortgage stress test, their raising of mortgage insurance premiums, and their new taxes on middle class Canadians have made it harder to own homes.

A Conservative government will work with provinces and municipalities to knock down regulatory barriers that discourage new home construction so more homes can come on the market to lower prices. As well, a Conservative government would increase

amortization periods on insured mortgages to 30 years for first-time homebuyers to lower monthly payments.

Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

When Canadians have a place to call home, their health, productivity and contribution to the community will improve. For 10 years, Conservatives did nothing to address housing affordability – pushing home ownership further out of reach, and increasing household stress.

The National Housing Strategy, created by this Liberal government, is Canada's first National Housing Strategy – to help provide shelter for seniors; women and children fleeing family violence; Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities; those dealing with mental health and addiction issues; veterans;

and young adults – providing a blueprint for reducing chronic homelessness by 50 per cent and removing more than 530,000 households from housing needs lists.

As we overcome some of the delays caused by the stalling tactics of the Ford government, we will begin to see the impact of more of these housing investments in our community.

A re-elected Liberal government will continue to roll out this strategy and provide up to 10 per cent off the purchase price for an estimated 120,000 new home buyers; provide more help to home buyers working in big cities such as Toronto, invest \$5 million in purpose built, accessible housing for veterans, address the impact of foreign speculation in our housing market which drives up pricing and with the

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NDP candidate Barbara Doyle answers questions at the all candidates meeting. Gene Balfour (PPC), left, and Judi Forbes (Liberal), to the right. / DARREN LUM Staff



from page 11

National Tourism strategy, we will also increase investments in infrastructure to address the needs for adequate housing and community spaces communities like ours that rely on tourism.

Barbara Doyle, NDP

Nobody should have to go into buying their first home by “beating the stress test.” This is not about increasing the debt ratio, it’s really about empowering the buyer. This means having jobs that pay a fair wage and provides buyers with the ability to get out of renting and into purchasing and building equity.

We also have to cool the housing market. This means building 500,000 new affordable housing units in 10 years, investing in co-ops, mid-rises and townhomes as well as single detached units. Working with developers with dedicated fast start funds, streamlining application processes and helping communities get the expertise and assistance they need to put shovels in the ground in the first year.

We will offer 30-year mortgages to lower people’s monthly payments. Doubling the First Time Home Buyers Credit to \$1,500 will help pay for land transfer and legal fees.

We can also offer retrofit programs to people buying resale homes so that they can save \$900 or more per year on their home energy costs.

Our youth are discouraged about their prospects of ever buying their own home and think they will get caught in rental markets forever. By making post-secondary tuition free and immediately cancelling all interest on student loans, our young people will come into the job market with less debt and a better ability to look at home ownership as a real prospect instead of just a dream they might never achieve.

For those struggling with ever increasing rental costs, the NDP will offer a relief program that will assist people with up to \$5,000 towards rent.

Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

Housing is a crucial issue when addressing the overall quality of life of individuals. All Canadians should have the right to safe, secure, and affordable housing, something the Green Party would seek to legislate as a fundamental human right. In order to ensure we have more affordable homes, we will strengthen the National Housing Strategy by appointing a Minister of Housing, whose mandate will be to build 25,000 new and rehabilitate 15,000 homes each year for the next 10 years. However, we must also help those who need housing now. Increasing the Canada Housing Benefit by \$750 million, we can provide rental assistance for 125,000 households. We need to shift our focus from helping Canadians buy homes to getting Canadians into homes. Changing the way we think about a home and introducing new solutions,

such as tiny houses or more basement apartments, can help address the housing crisis more immediately.

Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party government will protect our citizens from the risks and costs of an expensive and ill-conceived national housing strategy. Affordable housing is an economic and legislative problem that has ballooned in significance and severity over time. Adding more government involvement to address this issue will only make the problem worse.

One of its root causes includes excessive government growth which can be broken down into two parts: “red tape inflation” and “tax inflation.” Consider the following tax inflation scenario.

In 1961, the average Canadian family breadwinner forfeited 38 per cent of his annual earnings to taxes from all sources. Today, it's 53 per cent. This means that if a person in 2019 Haliburton earns \$100,000 per year, \$53,000 is lost to taxes compared to \$38,000 (today's dollars) of the typical 1961 family man. This \$15,000 in “tax inflation” occurred as a direct consequence of funding our expanding public bureaucracies. This \$15,000 would go a long way to make housing more affordable if only we could curb and reverse “tax inflation.”

“Red tape inflation” is worse. It has involved the steady proliferation of government-created building codes and required licensing/certifications for skilled trades workers. The compliance costs for these are passed on to consumers as higher prices.

It is unfair to Canadian households that politicians, government department heads and public sector union executives will materially benefit from the expanding bureaucracies and their budgets. Canadian taxpayers do not need this extra tax burden especially when the federal debt (future taxes) already exceeds \$700 billion.

2. Do you support carbon pricing/taxation and why? What does a responsible federal plan to combat climate change look like?

Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

Our riding is home to a number of diverse landscapes, including the beautiful Lake Simcoe Watershed, to the dense forests in the northern region of our riding, we certainly have a lot to be grateful for – and a lot to protect. In fact, this is why the Conservative Party has committed to restoring the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund with a \$30 million investment over four years to support over 200 community-based projects. This project was cancelled by the Liberals in 2017, and I have fought in support of the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund – and the tangible results it was having on our communities.

Canadians trusted Justin Trudeau when he said he would protect the environment and lower Canada's emissions.

Instead, all they got was a carbon tax. Not only is Canada failing to hit our Paris Agreement targets, we are getting further and further away. We should all be concerned about climate change, and about the kind of planet we will leave to our children. That's why I am proud to share the Conservative Party's Real Plan to Protect Our Environment, which is built on three guiding principles:

1. Green technology, not taxes.
2. A cleaner and greener natural environment.
3. Taking the climate change fight global.

Under the Conservative plan, it will not be free to pollute – and unlike the Liberal scheme, there will be no sweetheart deals for anybody. Further, we can actually create more jobs in Canada through technological growth while at the same time lowering global emissions.

Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

I support carbon taxing with rebates as a scientific based and proven method to help consumers reduce their carbon footprint. First introduced in British Columbia in 2007, emissions are now down 12 per cent on a per capita basis and since 1990, B.C. emissions for each unit of economic output have been nearly cut in half.

But the national carbon tax and rebate program is only part of the solution to get to net-zero emissions as a country. We must continue to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels, invest in net zero solutions, and work hard to conserve our national resources. A responsible federal plan to combat climate change must include a price on pollution as a starting point and include a five-year binding milestone for pollution reduction – put forward by climate experts; investments to retrofit existing homes and buildings, and new standards for new buildings; phasing out the use of coal and our reliance on fossil fuels; funding to replace public transportation and personal vehicles with net zero-emission models; skills development to transition to and build new careers in the green economy; an aggressive conservation agenda to preserve our oceans, forests, natural habitats, oceans and waterways combined with clean water initiatives to preserve our greatest resource – water; tax credits to encourage and support innovation in net zero emission solutions, and; open international trade and development to assist countries that need help to combat climate change.

It's time for an ambitious, comprehensive plan to take urgent action on climate change, create jobs and strengthen our communities. NDP supports carbon pricing as it has been shown globally to be an effective tool in getting the offending polluters to reduce their emissions.

We must adopt science-based emissions reduction targets, eliminating fossil fuel subsidies immediately and getting Canada powered by net carbon-free electricity by 2030.

The NDP will create 300,000 new jobs building the clean

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energy future in the next four years with access to training and education, and support for workers, families and communities so that they aren't left behind in the changing economy. We will boost clean tech research and manufacturing with Buy Canadian procurement, helping communities reduce emissions and keep jobs here in Canada.

We will make public transit cleaner, more convenient and even free by working with municipalities. We want to build more zero emissions vehicles here at home.

We will amend the National Building Code to make all new buildings in Canada net-zero ready by 2030, and complete energy efficient retrofits on all existing housing stock by 2050. This will save most homeowners \$900 or more a year on home energy costs.

You don't have to choose between the environment and the economy. You just have to choose how you get there so both can be cared for.

Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

The Green Party does support a carbon fee on carbon dioxide pollution. A Green government would return all revenue to Canadians as a dividend. Although carbon pricing has been one of the most discussed policies on how to combat climate change, it is not what we should be basing our climate change plans on. Climate change must be addressed in all aspects and all policies should be viewed through an environmental lens.

Firstly, a federal plan must meet the Paris targets. The Green Party has put forward the most aggressive targets of a 60 per cent reduction in emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050. Secondly, we must move away from fossil fuels. The fossil fuel industry in Canada contributes to the most emissions and the best way of hitting our targets is transitioning to a green economy. We simply cannot afford any new infrastructure connected to fossil fuels, including the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

The Green Party's Mission Possible is a comprehensive 20 point plan which addresses all aspects of our society and how we can make each sector more sustainable. These sectors include energy, buildings, transportation, agriculture, and infrastructure to adapt to climate change. This must be a collaborative approach. All parties must be at the table. Partisan politics has thwarted strong environmental policy for too long and in order for us to meet our targets and mitigate the impacts of climate change, we must all work together.

Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

The People's Party rejects climate change alarmism and will focus on concrete improvements to the environment.

Climate change alarmism is based on flawed models that have consistently failed to correctly predict the future. None of the cataclysmic predictions that have been made about the climate have come true. No steady warming in direct relation with increases in CO₂ levels. No disappearance of polar ice caps. No exceptional rise in ocean levels. No abnormal increase in catastrophic weather events. No widespread crop failure and famine.

In fact, CO₂ is beneficial for agriculture and there has recently been a measurable "greening" of the world in part thanks to higher levels. CO₂ is not a pollutant. It is an essential ingredient for life on Earth and needed for plant growth.

Given the uncertainties over the scientific basis of global warming, and the certainties about the huge costs of measures designed to fight it, there is no compelling reason to jeopardize our prosperity with more government interventions. A People's Party government will: withdraw from the Paris Accord and



People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour answers questions at the all candidates meeting on Oct. 9. /DARREN LUM Staff

abandon unrealistic greenhouse gas emission reduction targets; stop sending billions of dollars to developing countries to help them reduce their emissions; abolish the Liberal government's carbon tax; abolish subsidies for green technology and let private players develop profitable and efficient alternatives; invest in adaptation strategies if problems arise as a result of any natural climate change; and prioritize practical solutions for cleaner air, water and soil cleaner, including bringing clean drinking water to remote First Nations communities.

3. Economic development and youth retention are major hurdles in the still largely seasonal economy of Haliburton County. How are these problems best addressed?

Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

Jobs are created when the conditions for private sector growth enable success. That means taxes need to be kept low, and rules, regulations and red tape must be reduced to a more reasonable level. Access to reliable high-speed internet and cellular service must be a priority, because without access to internet, many businesses outside of urban centres will be challenged to provide comparable experiences for their customers. I also believe that our workforce must be empowered to do more to meet demand, especially in the skilled trades.

We already know that Haliburton County has an amazing quality of life, but without some of the most basic services (internet, ability to make a living, labour pool to match need), attracting youth or sparking economic activity will continually become more difficult.

Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

With the major infrastructure investments provided by the Liberal government, there will be more highly skilled jobs available in our region to keep youth in our communities to support: New housing developments; municipal infrastructure programs; retrofitting projects to move to a greener community; tourism infrastructure programs; environmental research projects; conservation programs for our lands and waterways; clean water research and initiatives, and new zero-

emission construction projects.

With both Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College nearby, our community youth have immense opportunities to access and leverage their leading programs in environment science, natural resource management and skilled trades to take advantage of the job growth that will come with a greener economy. And they will be enabled by increased student grants, better student loans repayment options and \$10,000 investments in new apprenticeship opportunities.

Climate action projects can be a game changer for our communities and our youth – bringing leading edge career opportunities that will renew and rejuvenate our local economy.

Barbara Doyle, NDP

The Liberal and Conservatives both love to say that they care about Canadian jobs, but yet they refuse to intervene in markets that have created the job situation there is today. Ones with less benefits, precarious or contract labour and the removal of health and safety standards that protect our workers. This has created stagnant wages, growing inequality and slow growth.

We need to create good domestic jobs right here, improving working conditions so that our youth want to work in high skilled trades and apprenticeship programs. Prioritizing Canadian procurement for infrastructure projects, investing in green industries and tech sectors, creating 300,000 new jobs in those industries, means that we need high skilled workers to fill those positions. We also know that we will face a higher need for medical staffing, PSW's, nurses, doctors and healthcare personnel due to our aging population. Encouraging provinces to adapt their high school curriculums may be one way for our youth to develop a passion in these sectors.

In order to give everyone a fair shot in opportunity and security, we need affordable housing, universal child care and student debt cancellation to do this.

Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

There are several ways in which these challenges can be addressed. Firstly, we need to make sure that post secondary edu-

cation is more affordable for young people. High skilled trades and jobs such as personal support workers are in high demand in this riding. By eliminating post secondary tuition, we can make sure students leave their education debt free and can enter well paying, secure jobs immediately. This program has been fully costed by the Parliamentary Budget Office; it is possible to provide academic debt relief to Canadians.

It is also important to look at industries that students are interested in. As a student in university, I know that many young people are aware of the crisis facing our environment and are interested in careers based in mitigating said crisis. Ridings such as ours have huge opportunity for innovating and job creation in this area. Transitioning to a green economy and encouraging more green industries which are new and exciting will encourage more young people with the necessary skills to move to areas such as ours. Finally, governments at all levels – municipal, provincial, and federal – need to work together to design and implement programs that encourage young people to become more involved in their communities and encourage them to discover the benefits of living in rural areas such as Haliburton. We live in such a beautiful region with so much to offer its residents and it is important that those opportunities are passed along to more young people.

Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party government will create a welcoming strategy of common sense economic, legislative and regulatory policies to improve economic development and youth retention for our rural communities. It will take the ability to think like a business executive in order to address both issues.

I bring a unique perspective and knowledge to this topic. It is based on 35 years employed as a professional recruiter in the IT sector during which I interviewed over 10,000 job candidates. It includes a strong background in economics which is essential to consider the assets of Haliburton County that can attract economic contributors - both businesses and talent.

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Urban centres have benefited from modern communications and internet technologies which made work-from-home possible for many knowledge workers like IT professionals. Rural centres are playing catch-up in the required infrastructure investments. Once these are reliably in place, let's reach out to those who are trapped in Toronto's high cost of housing, commuting and living costs and show them the "Haliburton alternative."

In 2016, I moved to Fenelon Falls after working in the GTA since 1975. I have had the personal experience of moving from the "GTA rat race" to the beauty, tranquility and friendliness of life in rural Ontario, and the sales skills to promote these advantages. While the Haliburton tourist industry is important, I can help to create a well-planned and executed economic diversification strategy which will focus on attracting new, year-round employers to stimulate economic development and aid youth retention.

4. How do you help Canadians with the burden of the ever-increasing cost of living?

Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

I have knocked on thousands of doors in just the last few weeks, and this issue is the same as I have been hearing since 2015. In fact, almost half of all Canadian households report being less than \$200 a month away from insolvency at month's end. So, in order to put more money back in your pockets, the Conservative Party has committed to:

- Taking GST off home heating bills
- Scrapping the Carbon Tax
- Making parental benefits tax-free
- Lowering personal taxes
- Increasing the Age Credit by \$1,000
- Implementing a Children's Fitness Tax Credit and a Children's Arts and Learning Tax Credit

Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

The Liberal government has already addressed the cost of living in current initiatives that lowered taxes for the middle class, introduced the Child Care Benefit and improved incomes for seniors and veterans.

When re-elected our platform will add to this success with a national guaranteed wage of \$15 per hour; no taxes on your first \$15,000 of income; lower energy bills from retrofitting homes; making it more affordable to use zero emission vehicles and transportation; making more clean and affordable power available in every Canadian community; providing



Judi Forbes is the Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. /DARREN LUM Staff

Barbara Doyle, NDP

The NDP is all about taking care of individuals and families in the core stabilities of health care, education, housing, equality and social justice as well as taking care of our environment.

We will bring in universal pharmacare so that you can get your prescriptions with your health card instead of your debit card. This will save people more than \$500 per year and save Canada \$4.2 billion a year because of group buying of pharmaceuticals and reduced health care costs. We will add universal dental, saving families an average of \$1,500 per year. Vision and hearing care will follow along with improved mental health services. We believe that health care should cover you from head to toe.

We will encourage post-secondary education and retraining with free tuition and immediately cancelling interest on student loans.

Our housing programs will see an end to homelessness in a decade with 500,000 new units, putting shovels in the ground in the first year, and offering up to \$5,000 in rent supports for those that need it. Thirty year mortgages and doubling the First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit will help people move from expensive rental markets into their own homes.

Improving pensions for our seniors, a universal basic income, increase in the minimum wage, gender pay equality, and universal child care will help all Canadians with affordability and improved standard of living.

The NDP will not be raising your taxes. We will be closing tax loopholes for the rich and eliminating tax evasion schemes. There will be no more billion dollar handouts for wealthy oil and gas corporations. We will implement a wealth tax on those that have over \$20 million and a foreign speculator tax of 15 per cent to pay for our housing programs and cut down on illegal money laundering that drives up housing prices.

Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

This is one of the most common concerns expressed not only in our riding, but all over Canada. There are so many connected aspects for cost of living and many reasons why more and more Canadians are finding it harder to make ends meet. The best program a government can implement to lift Canadians out of poverty and help them afford basic necessities is a Guaranteed Livable Income. The Green Party is the only party that has committed to immediately working towards implementing the GLI and working with municipalities and provincial governments to do so. This program has been tested in areas all over Canada, including communities in our riding and it works. The GLI, implemented by a Green government, would provide a payment to all Canadians, unique to their region and livable wage. Addressing the



Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale, right, speaks at the all candidates meeting. Green party candidate Elizabeth Fraser is on the left.



Green party candidate Elizabeth Fraser speaks at the all candidates meeting in Haliburton.

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housing crisis, healthcare, education and food insecurity, are other ways in which we can help make life more affordable.

We can implement universal pharmacare, with a focus on primary care and prevention. This would include dental coverage for low income, more affordable prescriptions, and an increased emphasis on mental health and addictions. Focusing on preventative medicine will not only save Canadians money, but will save the government money as well. Lifting people out of poverty and giving them reliable income will address root causes of affordability for all Canadians.

Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party Government would streamline government services to reduce the largest contributor to ever-rising cost of living – taxes. The operating expenses of our public institutions must be contained within the size and scope that Canadians households and businesses can afford.

Tax inflation since 1961 has been 40 per cent. This is the direct result of excessive government expansion. More money should remain with every wage-earner, retirement investor and business owner for their needs and priorities, not with government officials whose priorities differ and are often political in nature.

Consider the price of gasoline as one of the many rising costs. Five sources of tax add a minimum of \$0.33 to every litre you buy at the pumps. When every product that you buy from a retail store has been transported there by trucks, these taxes are also imbedded in the prices you pay at checkout.

A local antiques merchant pointed to a 106-year-old chair to which sales taxes apply as they do for used vehicles. He understood tax on new products, but why repeated taxes on used ones?

Our tax system must serve our Canadian citizens and businesses – not the runaway costs of governments that are unable to control their spending problems. The People's Party will use common sense and restore respect to all taxpayers by applying its four core principles to this issue: Personal Freedom, Individual Responsibility, Fairness and Mutual Respect.

5. Both former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau have been criticized for harbouring too much power in the Prime Minister's Office and accused of abusing that power. What is required to bring more accountability to the PMO?

Jamie Schmale, Conservative Party of Canada

I think that most political historians would agree that the gradual consolidation of power inside the PMO began under Pierre Elliot Trudeau and continued throughout the decades to probably the tightest control in our history under Justin Trudeau. Stephen Harper worked to make the federal government more accountable with the Federal Accountability Act of 2006, which provided conflict of interest rules, restrictions on election financing and measures respecting administrative transparency, oversight and accountability.

One measure we can take is to overhaul our committee structure modelling it to something like the UK, where committees work more in a collaborative approach. This usually results in more meaningful solutions to problems – not just creating reports that nobody reads.

I think the ultimate form of accountability that Canadians have will be the upcoming election. Canadians can choose between a prime minister who abuses his power, bends the law for his friends, attempts to silence his critics and destroys their reputations. Or, they can choose a Conservative government led by a prime minister who will uphold the rule of law, respect our democratic institutions, and help all Canadians get ahead.

Judi Forbes, Liberal Party of Canada

After the harnessing of information in the PMO as created by Stephen Harper, the Liberal government opened doors to ministers for the press and lobbyists to have direct conversations, in line with the rule of the cabinet.

The Liberal Party has also given people a greater voice in Parliament by improving the way that Parliament works. In the last four years, the changes the Liberals have brought to Parliament – from Senate reform to more free votes to regular Prime Minister's Question Periods – have made Parliament more effective and more accountable to Canadians. But there is still more work to do.

To ensure that Parliament better reflects the people it serves, we will move forward with additional reforms, including: allocating more time for private members' business to be debated and voted on in Parliament; working with Parliament to introduce new technology or other institutional changes to better connect members with their constituents; eliminating the use of whip and party lists to give the speaker greater freedom in calling on members who wish to speak; and providing more resources to parliamentary committees so that they have the staff and research they need to deliver meaningful policy recommendations.

We will also continue to move forward with the new, non-partisan, and merit-based Senate appointment process, and will update the Parliament of Canada Act to reflect the

Senate's new, non-partisan role. Each of these measures provide more opportunities to improve accountability and transparency to Canadians from the PMO and across Parliament.

Barbara Doyle, NDP

We can clean up politics and restore people's trust in government. Ethical and transparent government is about more than talking points – it's about making sure that Canadians can have faith that their government is acting in their interests, not in the interests solely of the rich, well-connected insiders. Ethical government is essential for a healthy democracy, and when people lose that we all suffer.

We will take immediate steps to take the influence of big money out of government for good, bringing in tougher penalties in the Conflict of Interest Act to ensure that abuse of public trust is treated seriously. Currently, the government only needs to report the number of times they meet with lobbyists, but they don't have to report the amount of money being spent or values received.

We will work with provinces to abolish the Senate and in the meantime, an NDP government will insist the Senate change its rules so that unelected Senators can't hold up legislation for months when it has already been adopted by the Members of Parliament.

We will introduce an ethical and social environmental screen on government procurement, so that Canadians can be confident that their tax dollars are not going to pay for bribes in foreign countries or pollution that we'll all have to pay to clean up later.

And finally, after Justin Trudeau's broken promises of election reform, the NDP government will adopt mixed-member proportional representation for the 2023 election, ensuring that every vote counts the way it should.

Elizabeth Fraser, Green Party of Canada

Our government needs to be more transparent. It is the responsibility of the government to work for its citizens, not for corporations. As an individual, I strongly believe in accountability and transparency as a leader and for those who lead me. The Green Party advocates for honest, ethical, and caring leadership and there are several ways in which a Green government would introduce more integrity into our government. We can strengthen the role and protect the independence of parliamentary officers such as the Ombudsman, the Auditor General, the Ethics Commissioner, and the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

It is important that these officers are allowed to perform their mandates without political influence. We can strengthen the Conflict of Interest Act and the Lobbying Act to ensure that external groups are not selfishly influencing political activities. We can increase transparency by expanding the Access to Information Act and ensuring that the administration of parliament, the Prime Minister's Office, and the minister's offices are within the scope of the ATI. Canadians deserve to know that their government is working in their best interests. It is a big responsibility to take care of Canadians and it must be done with honesty, integrity, and care at its core.

Gene Balfour, People's Party of Canada

A People's Party government will execute faithfully on its elected political platform which has been inspired by four principles: Personal Freedom, Individual Responsibility, Fairness and Mutual Respect.

While principles matter and can be used to judge any alleged abuse of PMO power, 'justice' is too easily influenced by individual subjectivity, crafty politics and further abuse of the powers of that office to sidestep legitimate accountability. The SNC Lavalin scandal has been a demonstration of this reality.

Some people say that electoral reform may help. Others prefer recall legislation. In the USA, impeachment laws exist that we lack. I personally admire the decentralized structures of government in Switzerland that restricts federal powers to a limited portfolio of responsibilities and relies on 26 cantons to provide a form of direct democracy to its residents. My thinking goes as follows.

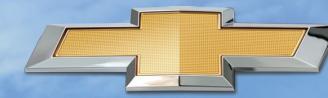
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Red Hawks varsity player Desi Davies rushes the ball against Holy Cross defenders.



Hawks home opener

Above, Red Hawks varsity boys' football team hosted the Holy Cross Hurricanes for a Kawartha High School Football League game on Friday, Oct. 11 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks lost their home opener, but held the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes, who were undefeated coming into play, to only seven points at the half. /DARREN LUM Staff

Right, Red Hawks varsity offensive lineman Alan Wheeler holds the line, protecting his quarterback.



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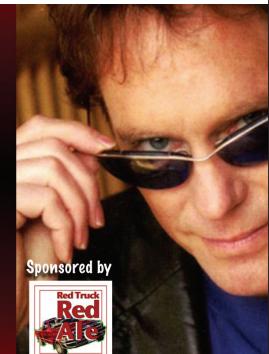
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Sofie Mills, right, placed first in the senior girls' race and Austin Boylan, left, finished fourth. / Submitted by Cheryl Patterson

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**Bowling Scores****Monday afternoon, Oct. 7****High Average (cumulative)**

Women – Cathy Snell – 218

Men – Rick West – 228

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 266

High Single Hcp – June Beadle – 324

High Triple – Pat Hunt – 624

High Triple Hcp – Pat Hunt – 784

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Rick West – 217

High Single Hcp – Dale Freitag – 253

High Triple – Rick West – 634

High Triple Hcp – Dale Freitag – 708

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Oct. 8**Men**

High Average Ken Thompson 192

High Single Jim Fahl 227

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High Triple John Pugh 617

High Triple H/C John Pugh 752

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High Average Chris Cote 182

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High Average: Doug Reinwald 191

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Genealogy Group

When: Wed. Oct. 16. Doors open 6 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
What: Documentary film "Treaty" Interpreted by the People of Curve Lake First Nation. In Ontario, we are all treaty peoples ... this documentary reminds us all about what that means.

Cost: No charge, everyone welcome
For more info contact Gail: 705-286-2225

CFUW Speaker: Terry Moore

When: Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design
Topic: Environmental Stewardship After Death - Green Burial in the Highlands.
Open to the public. After, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle. CFUW meeting to follow.

Cost: Donation of kitchen/bathroom items for women's shelter or cash donation to CFUW Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund

Housing Summit

When: Friday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Community Centre (accessible entrance at rear)
Light lunch provided. Review of research, panel presentation, group discussion on action items. Register by Oct. 8 at Eventbrite.com - Haliburton County Housing Summit
More information: Carol Browne 705-457-4551

Abbey Gardens Fall Festival

When: Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 to 4 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens
Activities include outdoor games, pumpkin patch, children's storywalk, sunflower maze, pony rides. Haliburton farmers' market will be on site as will live music, wood-fired pizza and Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Admission: \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

Concert: Music to my Ears - The

Tamarack String Quartet

When: Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden
Tickets: \$20, available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, St. Paul's Thrift Shop in Minden, or reserve tickets by calling 705-448-1991
Newly formed group "The Tamarack String Quartet" will play some classical and slightly less classical selections. It includes works by Schubert, Mozart, Mancini, Lennon/McCartney and more.

Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction

When: Saturday, Oct. 19, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden
Roast beef, pork, turkey and homemade desserts.
Adults \$20, 12 to 16 years \$10 under 12 free
Tickets call 705-457-1424 or purchase at the door.

Fall Festival Finale

When: Sunday, Oct. 20, starting at 4 p.m.
Where: 1487 Cranberry Lake Road (Abbey North)

Concert with Ian Tamblyn (4-6 p.m.) followed by dinner of turkey pie, seasonal salads, cheese board and desserts. Proceeds help fund programming at Abbey Gardens.
Suggested donation: \$50 per person
RSVP to heather@abbeygardens.ca

Haliburton Concert Series presents Fallis & Tiefenbach: More or Less LIVE in Haliburton!

When: Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Cost: \$30 adults, \$10 students. Soprano Mary Lou Fallis and pianist Peter Tiefenbach bring their musical high jinx to Haliburton. Lots of

laughter and wonderful music! Tickets are available from Fred Shuttleworth (705-455-9060 or fred.ann.shuttleworth@gmail.com) or at the door. Full details at www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com.

Haliburton Arts Council: VAAR Fall Gathering (Visual Artists and Artisan Round Table)

When: Wednesday Oct. 23, 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Red Umbrella Inn (1075 Red Umbrella Road, 12 Mile Lake)

Cost: meeting, coffee and munchies are free, however, you can also make dinner reservations.

What: Get information about your insurance needs as an artist or an art business, exchange ideas, find art materials/book bargains on our swap and sale tables. RSVP Peggy at The Art's Council 705-457-8033.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

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Abbey Gardens to grow veggies 365 days a year

Abbey Gardens is unveiling its newest addition to the West Guilford property this weekend. "The Growcer," a year-round hydroponic fresh leafy green production system housed in a 40-foot insulated shipping container, has the capacity to yield up to 230 pounds of vegetables a week.

"Introducing capacity to grow fresh vegetables – 365 days a year – on our grounds will result in a significant ripple effect of innovation opportunities for the Haliburton Highlands," Heather Reid, operations director of Abbey Gardens, said in a press release. "We

plan to showcase this growing system to provide local, fresh food in our community and be a demonstration site for this technology."

Financial support for the project was provided by Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Laidlaw family and a private investor.

According to information provided by Abbey Gardens, The Growcer needs potable water and electricity to run and can operate in temperatures between -52C and 35C. It includes a remote monitoring system giving information about what's happening inside the

unit at any time.

Abbey Gardens is also launching a Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, program in December, which will offer fresh greens to area restaurants.

"As a not for profit, we envision this initiative as part of our sustainability model financially," said Reid. "It also serves our mission to increase awareness and access to local food and innovative technologies. Our goal at Abbey Gardens is to enhance the food sector in our county and region."

The press release notes that the "imple-

mentation strategy for this initiative has been developed to avoid market disruption locally. This will make it possible to offer a fresh product in the off-season that is not already available and to augment Abbey Gardens' outdoor gardens in the heart of the harvest season."

The ribbon cutting ceremony takes place Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. at Abbey Gardens, which coincides with the fall festival. You can read more about The Growcer at www.thegrowcer.ca.

Staff



Perfect attendance

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students from left, Vikram Marathe, Brian Kim, Kristina Barry, Harmony Moher and Camden Marra were recognized for their perfect attendance at the Honours and Awards Assembly on Friday, Oct. 11 at the school's gymnasium. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students who achieved the highest marks, earned achievements or demonstrated promise and exemplified character and leadership in various courses and areas of interest, were recognized at the Honours and Awards ceremony on Friday, Oct. 11 in the school's gymnasium. They are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): Brady Baldry, Emma Boutin, Haley Boylan, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Erin Chumbley, Jocelyn Chumbley, Jayme Coltman, Molly Devolin, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Josie Graham, Kendra Graham, Trista Greer, Ezra Hill, Abigail Kauffeldt, Megan Klose, Gerrit Kooistra, Jessica Lee, Isaac Little, Sydney Little, Benn MacNaull, Darian Maddock, Kyle Maes, Olivia Melle, Daniella Meraw, Jasmine Moghini, Jonas Moghini, Alyssa Morissette, Zach Morissette, Erik Morrison, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Bianca Salaris, Stefan Salaris, Ava Smith, Gerry Sutcliffe, Emma Thompson, Mackenzie Tidey, Nikita Watson, Jackson Wilson and Destiny Wilson Wells. /Photos by Darren Lum



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 honour students were recognized for having successfully completed seven courses with an average of 80 per cent or more. The students are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): James Alexander, Rebecca Archibald, Brady Baldry, Paige Billings, Storm Brannigan, Melissa Brinkos, Hailey Brisco, Jessica Byers, George Devolin, Benjamin Domerchie, Monique Dulong, Ethan Gohm, Nicholas Graham, Trista Greer, Lena Haase, Abigail Kauffeldt, Grace Kim, Isaac Little, Benn MacNaull, Jonas Moghini, Erik Morrison, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Brayden Rodgers, Samuel Rowden, Bianca Salaris, Siddhi Shah, Jurgen Shantz, Nigel Smith, Ania Smolen, Bennet Stephenson, Mackenzie Tidey, Cody Wessell, Codie Wilkinson, Destiny Wilson-Wells, and Jacob Wood.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 honour students were recognized for having successfully completed eight courses with an average of 80 per cent or more. The students are listed in alphabetical order (provided by HHSS): Hailey Alden, Katie Allison, Lily Austin-Ward, Tyson Baumhour, Emma Boutin, Haley Boylan, Lexie Bridgman, Ryerson Chamney, Erin Chumbley, Jayme Coltman, Brendan Coumbs, Anabelle Craig, Colin Crowe, Talon Dakin, Desi Davies, Emily Davis, Jacob Dobson, Xavier Dulong, Holden Dupret Smith, Zachary Finnie, Chelsea Flynn, Josie Graham, Carley Gullins, Justin Hagopian, Logan Heaven, Samuel Hoenow, Joshua Hogg, Natalie Hunter, Brian Kim, Megan Klose, April Kovacs, Skye Lambshead, Jessica Lee, Alex Little, Sydney Little, Danaya MacDuff, Kyle Maes, Vikram Marathe, Camden Marra, Ryan Mee, Daniella Meraw, Alexius Mills, Emma Mitchel, Jasmine Moghini, Jordyn Nicholls, Connie Oh, Holly Parish, Carson Phillips, Makenna Robbins, Kayleigh Rodgers, Stefan Salaris, Dakota Sawyer, Jordy Schell, Brooklyn Spence, Bence Suranyi, Alan Wheeler, and Owen Wootton.

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Board backs 24 hour/7 day emergency

by Andrew Milne

The Minden Hospital should remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the rest of the fiscal year, says one local group consulted on the decision.

The Acting Health Services Board, the local board struck to take over administration of the hospitals in Minden and Haliburton, arrived at their decision at their regular meeting, October 11.

Said board member Barbara Dawson, "What happens if the staff are let go, and the facilities are closed down — what is there left for us to build on?"

St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Centre of Peterborough, which is currently responsible for the Minden and Haliburton hospitals, had announced in late September that it was considering cutting Minden's emergency ward altogether, effective as of the beginning of October, and running an eight-hour a day clinic in the building with the remainder of the tiny hospital's operating budget.

The Ministry of Health (MOH), however, told St. Joseph's it could not make so drastic a change in service without first consulting with the community (including the AHSB and St. Joseph's own Community Advisory Council), and submitting a revised operating plan regarding service after the end of October to the MOH. St. Joseph's has been permitted to reduce service to 16 hours a day in the meantime, and the Minden hospital has been closed between midnight and 8 a.m. since October 1. It is expected to draft the revised operating plan later this month.

St. Joseph's says the Minden facility's budget is approximately two-thirds gone, halfway through the fiscal year, due to the expense of coping with a critical shortage of doctors to staff the small hospital's wards. The in-patient ward was closed in April, and the hospital has been paying doctors to come from other communities to staff the emergency ward.

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Peace Garden planted at Ridgewood



While the students and staff of Ridgewood Public School look on, the first tulip bulbs of the school's "Peace Garden" were planted. The garden, one of 200 across the country, marks the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two and the special bond between the Netherlands and Canada. More photos on page 20.

by Jerry Grozelle

The ceremonial planting of a Dutch Tulip Celebration Garden was held at Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk. The entire school participated in the dedication ceremony on the cool, misty morning of October 11.

Ridgewood's garden is one of 200 being planted across Canada this fall as living symbols of the bond of friendship that exists between Canada and the Netherlands. The "peace" gardens commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first gift of 100,000 tulips from Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, thanking Canadians for hosting the Dutch Royal Family during World War II and for Canada's role in the liberation of Holland.

Boni Featherstone, a Grade 6 teacher at Ridgewood, entered a contest in *Canadian Living* magazine in June. The contest involved writing an essay, and hers was one of the top 200 entries which were awarded packages

of 400 tulip bulbs.

The Coboconk Royal Canadian Legion Colour Guard led the students and their guests to the garden from the school's gym.

Grade 8 students Ryan Reed and Eric Logan raised the Canadian and Dutch flags on the school flagpole while the students sang "God Save the Queen".

Visiting dignitaries included MP John O'Reilly, Bexley deputy-reeve Dan Glen and Victoria County director of education Dr. Dianne Dalton, each of whom planted a tulip bulb in the garden. Members of the student council (Nick Cameron, Amanda Angiers, Cory Bassett, and Christine Bryant); representatives of the Grade 1 classes; the school's secretarial staff; the custodial staff; educational assistants; the Legion Colour Party; Ridgewood principal Brian Hough; and members of the press also participated in the planting ceremonies.

During the ceremonial planting, Debbie Fogwell led a choir of Grades

4,5 and 6 students in the singing of "If I Could Have One Wish (It Would Be For Peace)."

Featherstone's Grade 6 class dug the garden; principal Brian Hough purchased the topsoil and donated it for the garden, Paul Featherstone (Boni's husband) implemented the design, which was provided by Keukenhof Gardens of Holland and Sharon Chambers organized the reception that followed the dedication ceremonies.

Boni Featherstone co-ordinated the event and acted as master of ceremonies.

"May our garden serve as a reminder to us of the importance of international co-operation and may it always bloom in a land of peace," she said.

The planting of the "peace" garden complements the Ridgewood environmental plan, which is to naturalize the school grounds by planting indigenous trees and wild flowers and attracting wild birds with feeders.

No Bush here: business conference cancelled

by Jerry Grozelle

Anne Larcade, director of operations and president of PineStone Resort and Conference Centre said she is disappointed that the Business Vision: 2000 and Beyond Conference was cancelled. The conference was slated for October 13 to 15 at PineStone and a number of experts in the world of business were

scheduled to speak. Most notable of the speakers was former U.S. president George Bush.

Larcade said the decision to cancel the conference was made late Thursday afternoon by Stonequest Management, the promoters of the event. She said they were forced to cancel "due to a lack of delegate participation."

"The numbers just weren't sufficient to ensure the success of the conference,"

she said. "With the type of conference we were planning, the integrity was very important."

Larcade said the event would have been a great boost for PineStone.

"We're disappointed, however, it was a wonderful sales blitz for PineStone at the same time and there are over 9,000 corporations in Canada and the U.S. that know of PineStone now. The media response we've had was tre-

mendous. It was actually quite positive for PineStone in terms of the exposure."

She said that other corporate clients were checking in Sunday.

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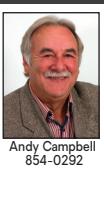
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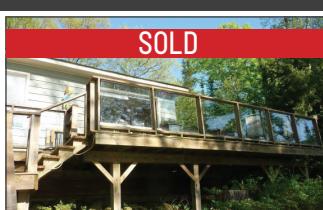
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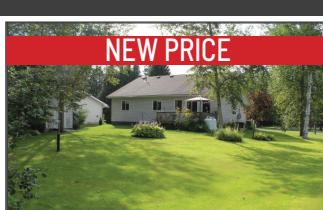
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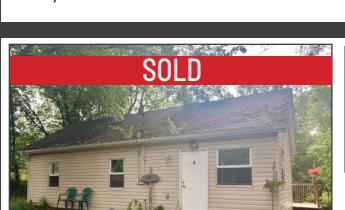
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